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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas carols echoed through the vast columns of the Little Theater, accompanied by the music of Johnny Coon's orchestra, as Farm Credit folks gathered for their 3rd annual Christmas party. Absent only were those men and women in uniform, of whom we're so proud. We're sure that every heart joined in a fervent prayer that the new year bring victory and their return.

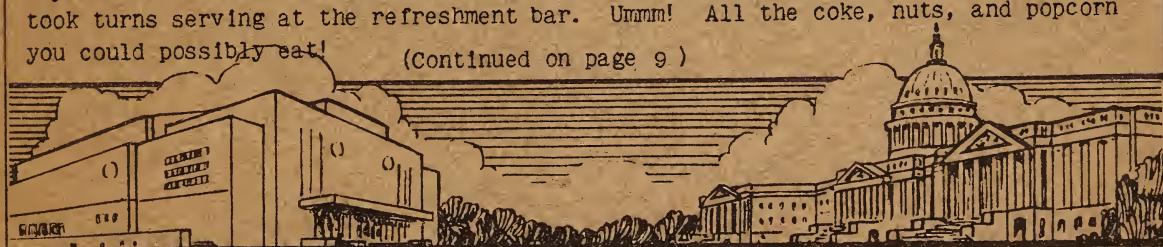
Hester Waters, as mistress of ceremonies, certainly deserves a big hand for the wit and humor she added to the party. The way she cajoled those bashful men out of dark corners onto the dance floor was truly "Hester" styled. And even if she was pretty busy seeing that everyone else had a wonderful time, don't forget, folks, that she had those orchestra boys to wink at every time she turned around!

Julia Connor, President of the Farm Credit Club, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a victorious New Year, after which the Chorus and FC folks joined in singing "Jingle Bells," with original words by Amy-Karine Barstad.

How proud we all were when Gardner Walker called our blood donors to the stage and presented each with a bottle of "Merry Christmas." We bet Fulton Want really enjoyed that after donating 18 pints.

Gay hostesses representing each division flitted merrily around and patriotically took turns serving at the refreshment bar. Ummm! All the coke, nuts, and popcorn you could possibly eat!

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TUESDAY LUNCHEON MOVIES

On January 9 in place of the movies usually shown every Tuesday, Mary Freeze will show her slide-films on Washington, D. C., Williamsburg, Virginia Beach, Texas, Kansas City, and other points of interest. Come either at 12:15 or 1:00 p.m. - Room 1345E.

NEW SERVICE ADDRESSES

Pic. George Thomson	Sgt. R.C. Dorsey
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News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Harold Dalby, (SK1c USNSD No. 134, (Off.) Co. Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.) Just today your package arrived. Then, too, the Grapevine reaches me quite regularly and needless to say it is perused from cover to cover. It is surely a pleasure to read about the activities of the good old FCA.

I am still here at a base in Australia. If I stay here much longer it is probable I will be converted to a "Fair Dinkum" Aussie. It is probable though that my residence will be changed sometime shortly. Many thanks again for everything and a Merry Christmas to all at FCA.

Capt. E. F. Steiner, (Det. 18G2-Co. G.
2nd E.C.A. Reg APO 658, c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York.) I'm well into
Germany; instead of a prevailing spirit
of "Peace on Earth," this is written to
the constant roar of heavy artillery,
the occasional rattle of machine guns and
the terrific noise of buzz-bombs passing
overhead.

I've had some fine experiences. Was in
Paris an hour after it fell, then spent
ten days in a good city in Belgium; and
three weeks in Aachen, getting there,
too, just half hour after surrender.

I hope this time next year will find all
of us home again. I don't see how it
can last much longer.

(Capt. Steiner before he entered the
Army was General Counsel for FCA in
New Orleans.)

Pfc. Robert L. Steffey, (31st S.C.U.,
APO 635, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.)
I have been working the swing shift for
several months now, and we usually have
plenty to do. I did have a furlough,
though, about a month ago. Of course I
didn't get too far, but it was a relief
from the Army routine....The Grapevine
comes often, and today I got a package
from the FCA club. Quite welcome, too..

We are having quite nasty weather here
(England), lots of rain and wind. Once
in a while we have some ice, but the
temperature is fairly comfortable as a
rule...

2nd Lt., A.C. Ira C. Castles, (Base
Statistical Control Office, Army Air

Field, Grand Island, Nebraska.) My
army experience has turned out to be
mostly wrestling with statistical
reports. The Army Air Forces has an
amazingly detailed system of keeping
higher headquarters informed of what
goes on and there is plenty going on at
a training base in Nebraska even though
it isn't of such an exciting nature as
that in a combat group on Saipan.

Took eight days off recently and managed
the household which includes a 22-month
old daughter, thus, giving my wife a
chance to visit in Lincoln and Kansas
City. Have a much better appreciation
now of what it's like to be a mother.

Cpl. William M. Coulter, (37507386, Co. C.
1394 Engineer Const. Bn. APO 709,
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.)
I want to thank everyone for making the
swell Christmas package possible. I
certainly think it's very nice. It
helps to add a bit of our old familiar
surroundings to this place.

I have spent nine months over here. Our
climate is hot with plenty of rainfall
in the rainy season which is summer here
and due to the fact that we are on the
south side of the Equator, it's winter
there. It is far from the "Movie
Version" of the South Sea Islands lacking
mainly the ever present beautiful
girls.

We can go swimming anytime in the warm
Pacific. It is warm all the time and
some very nice beaches.

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Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. Delbert Mehaffy, Washington bound to accept a position with the State Department was presented a gold expansion watch band by co-workers...M. J. Fraile still wore a "holiday" look on December 28 because it was his birthday...Enid Shouse departed for her home in Plankinton, S. D., to welcome in the New Year...Capital City vacationists are Rae and Bob Crim who are visiting their families, son, and new niece...Ardys Hagen was given several pieces of her favorite crystal, Candlewick, in parting from FCA to take up the duties of a housewife...Joe and Maxine McLeish and young daughter visited in Omaha during the holidays...Cecilia Jacobs spent December 25 in Odessa, Mo...Nurse's Aide Sarah Schneider begins the New Year with a credit of 1,000 hours of duty at St. Luke's Hospital...Santa was greeted by a number of travelers at their homes including Mabel Kluttz in Clinton, Mo.; Ann Tonnar in Carrollton, Mo.; Lorraine Morava in Wilbur, Nebr.; Leslie Surginer in Floydada, Tex.; and Mildred Hamilton and Helen Thorpe in Mayfield, Ky...It was a glad Christmas too for week-endists who reached nearby homes including Leona Holland in Sarcoxie, Mo.; Charles Snyder in Ottawa, Kan.; Clarice Andrews in Howard, Kans.; Rosella Reiff in Carroll, Iowa; Bill Holman in Ottumwa, Icwa; and Cleta Powell in Kidder, Mo.

Chief of Administrative Division's Office and Planning. A small group of friends gave a birthday party for Olive Ketchem on December 23...Bernice Meuers traveled to her home in Hamel, Minn., to spend a white Christmas...The Second Presbyterian Church was the scene of a beautiful wedding on December 23 when Miss Omega Lee Miller of Texas was married to Lt. James Eugene Smith, son of J. Clyde Smith...Ann Buchanan's mother is recovering at the Osteopathic Hospital from a recent accident.

Chief Clerk's Office. Doris Eyth Weston, formerly of this office, was a recent visitor...Christmas holiday travelers include Alverta Marston who recovered from a minor operation in time to depart for Junction City, Kans.; Eleanor Ferguson to her home in State College, Pa.; and Ramona Trout to Lawson, Mo.

Cooperative. G. D. Thompson has as a guest his sister, Jean, from Phoenix, Ariz...Rosalie Mountjoy traveled to Buffalo, N. Y.; for a visit with friends..Hester Eads spent several days visiting with her sailor brother who was home from Great Lakes...Yuletide vacations were spent by J. P. Strong in Florida and J. E. Rolfe in Memphis...Francis Davis from Stenographic Section is on detail in Willard Frazee's office..Virginia Hibbs had a guest from Tulsa..Holiday week-endists include Rosalyn Ham in Atchison, Kans., and Leora Welch in Topeka, Kans...Kay Price greeted the New Year in Omaha as a guest of Sally Keeley, former FCA'er.

Economic & Credit Research. Ella Wells' son, of the Army medical unit, stopped for a visit while en route to Ft. Lewis, Wash...Three sisters of Elizabeth Frew were holiday guests of hers, a WAVE, a WAC, and a civilian...Lorine Waechter arrived at the office the day after Christmas with a new "rock" adorning her left hand and the news that the wedding will take place shortly after the first of the year...Our sympathy to Joan Miller and Josephine Bishop, both of whom recently lost their grandmothers..Barbara Massey's sister arrived from Houston, Tex., for a visit...We are quite certain that the dejected look being worn by M. P. Planting is accounted for by his defeat by a narrow margin in the contest for "Mr. Gift" at the FCA Christmas party in the Little Theater...Vacationists who traveled to other cities to hang up Christmas stockings include Virginia Kipp to Manhattan, Kans.; Donald Moore to Oklahoma; and Dorothy Heckman to Dayton, Ohio.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Crop loaners who greeted St. Nick from their homes in other cities include Mildred Talbott in St. Joe, Mo.; Mary McElroy in Strawberry, Mo.; Bob Eberhart in Memphis, Tenn.; and Lamar Evans in Dallas, Tex.

Examination. Agnes Nemanich departed for a Christmas visit at her home in Soudan, Minn., with St. Paul, Duluth, and Long Prairie, Minn., and Fifield, Wis., also on her itinerary...Via the Kansas City Star we learn that George Bartlett, Jr., was high scorer in Southwest High School's first and victorious basketball game of the season..Charlotte

Liebling spent a week end in Herington, Kans., where her heart interest is Cpl. Lawrence Slotsky...Isabel McGinnis welcomed in the New Year at her home in Topeka, Kans., on a week-end trip.

Finance & Accounts. Season's greetings were received from Lt. Col. E. W. Humphreys from somewhere in Europe...Caroline Schmitt is welcomed to Reports Section...We like Lt. Ross Hansen's wife whom he introduced on a recent visit...Louise Noblet was called to Maryville, Mo., because of the illness of her mother...Louise Morgan's sister, Mona, of Washington, D. C., arrived at her home in Bonner Springs, Kans., for a visit...Mary Jo Evans flew to Chicago for a Yuletide visit with her fiance, Cadet Ellis DeMasters..An Honor Roll of the men in uniform from Reports Section is on display in Walt Hein's office...Vivian Anderson entertained a certain Army lieutenant over the holidays...Recent small visitors in Reports Section include Andy Colombe, Jerry LaRue, Billy Goswellen, Tommy Jacomet, and Doug Reynolds...Vacationist Irene McCollom remained in Kansas City to hang up a Christmas stocking...Travelers who greeted St. Nick in other cities include Virginia Bahr and her mother with relatives in St. Joe, Mo.; Marion and Morrill Murphy at the home of Morrill's mother in Galena, Mo.; Gloria Halsey at her home in Marshall, Mo.; Olga Markham at her home in Adrian, Mo.; Aline Foster in Pawnee City, Nebr.; Alma Franklin and Delta Vaughn in Wellington, Kans.; Helen Brecheisen in Garnet, Kans.; Mae Gregory

in Kirksville, Mo.; Peggy Lowe in Erie, Kans.; and Vince Johnson in St. Paul.

General Files. Julia Carder, who parts from FCA to take up a "career" of domesticity, was presented a decorative candy dish by co-workers...Cpl. Virgil Bowen was a recent visitor in the division... Claudina Hamilton sped to Foster Field, Tex., to spend Christmas with her husband... Washington, D. C., is the vacation grounds for Alvina Preinkert...June Foster was a Lowery City, Mo., visitor during the holidays.

Governor's Officr. Mary Lou Vance spent a pre-Christmas week end with her folks in Salisbury, Mo., and later hung up a Christmas stocking in Ottumwa, Iowa, with her fiance...Visitors at the home of J. M. Selby during the holidays were entertained by the Selby heir, Johnny, displaying his new "fled"...Warmth and good cheer was added to the home of Cliff Woodward with the arrival of his folks from Des Moines, Iowa, for a week end... Lucile Cramer journeyed westward to Salina, Kans., for a visit with her mother during the season of red and green...Margaret Gillespie reports an enjoyable December 25 with the "best air force pilot there is" in Shreveport, La... Martha Head was surprised with a unique gift of earrings made from shells collected on various war zone shores.

Graphic. With admiring glances, girls of the section watched Sgt. Emory Littleton, of Camp Walker, Kans., escort Georgie Arnold around during the lunch period for a couple of days...Travelers

who chanced the crowded travelway to spend Christmas with relatives or close friends include John Kennedy in Washington, D. C.; Sue Taylor in Ridgeway, Mo.; Margaret and Landon Porter in Brooklyn, Iowa; Ethel Webb in Carthage, Mo.; and Olive Boylan in Trenton, Mo.

Land Bank. W. E. Rhea has returned to his desk following a short illness... The smiles worn by Floyd Prentice announce his happiness in a visit from his son, Lt. Gerald Prentice, and Mrs. Prentice at Christmas time...Vacationists who spent the holidays in other cities include Ruth Clayton and Marjorie Hinds in Topeka, Kans.; Lila Stefan in St. Louis; Dixie Donelson in Bethany, Mo.; Clydine Clabaugh in Tulsa, Okla.; Lila Owens in Greenfield, Mo.; Arlene Donason in Nebraska; J. R. Isleib in Albuquerque, N. Mex.; Paul Carson in Emmerson, Iowa; and Andy Morrison in Louisville, Ky... Other vacationists who spent the Yule-tide in Kansas City include Alma Hughes and Cyril Spurlock.

Library. Ruth Polson spent a Christmas holiday in Carthage, Mo.; Mabel Schweitzer in Ottawa, Kans.; and Bernice Nilson in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mail. Betty Lou Sterling and Mary Denton are welcomed to the section.. An ice skating party was enjoyed by the gang with no casualties...Donna Beirne is on detail to Reports Section... Shirley Ellefson reports a "wonderful vacation away from the mail room.".. Doris Adams hung up a Christmas stocking at her home in Ozawkie, Kans.

Mortgage Corporation Service. Bill Watt and family were Yuletide visitors to Iowa...A recent visitor in the section was Sgt. J. B. Nichols from Chicago... Mr. and Mrs. Harold James braved the crowded thorofare to spend the holidays with their son, Fred, who is stationed at the Naval Aviation Technical Training Center in Memphis...Harriett Dodds weekended with her family in Independence, Kans...Rudy Havelka holidayed in Omaha.

Personnel. The division is enjoying the assistance of Grace McGuire of the Washington Liaison Office for 2 months... Camille Humbrecht has returned from a visit with her family in New Orleans... Recent guests of Milt Hoberecht were his brother and family from St. Louis and his daughter from Christian College in Columbia, Mo..Comes word from WAVE Catherine Bellas that she has been transferred to the Bureau of Personnel in Washington, D. C...Ruth Biggerstaff was called to Wichita because of the death of a close friend...The mystery of the half-bushel of satsumas received by the division from Florida was solved when we found we had SPARS Polly Wells and Nell Mellott to thank...Ruby Jane Hall is attending the Grandview chapter installation of officers of the Eastern Star in Grandview, Mo., where Vice President Truman will be present...Recent visitors in the division include former FCA'ers Mary Sandoval and Phyllis Windrum... Virginia M. Koch, formerly of Classification Unit, said hello over the phone recently while en route through Kansas City..It was "life's darkest moment" for Rosemary Dawes on Christmas Day when she

lost her voice and could not sing with the church choir after faithfully practicing for many weeks...Santa located many FCA'ers Christmas vacationing all over the Middle West including Jo Gerdes in Omaha; Cliff Goodson with his family in Wichita; Elinor Mitchell in St. Joe, Mo.; Carrietta Rech in Howard, Kans.; Marie Wassenberg in Frankfort, Kans.; Jeanne Walkup in Tarkio, Mo.; Betty Taylor in Maryville, Mo.; and Mary Lee Vincent in Bartlesville, Okla.

Production Credit. WAVE Peggy Frew dropped in to extend Christmas greetings before her return to Great Lakes.... Other FCA'ers now in uniform sending greetings from all corners of the globe include Red Cross worker Opha Thompson from Australia; Chief Warrant Officer Richard de Sousa and Lt. Paul James from Italy; Maj. L. W. Lynch from France; Marine PFC Rolland Mars from the South Pacific; and Lt. Julius Porter from Camp Clairborne, La..Pheasant dinners have been enjoyed by girls of the division as the result of the excellent marksmanship of Fulton Want and Tom Vandenburg...Travelers departing on field trips include Fulton Want to the East; Don Russell to St. Paul; and Cap Arnold to Spokane.

Revolving Fund. Louise Schwendeman spent Christmas week end at the home of her mother in Solomon, Kans.

Solicitor's Office. Claire Katz is at her home recovering from a minor operation underwent at St. Luke's

Hospital...Yuletide travelers include the M. R. Garstangs to Chamois, Mo.; Ruth Lane to Gashland, Mo.; Mary Suter to St. Joseph, Mo.; Sally Bryant to Maysville, Ky.; and the Clair Kintzs to Spencer, Iowa.

Tabulating. Pauline Norton greeted Santa at the home of her parents in Wichita...Helen Riggs has returned to the office following several days' convalescence...Our sympathy to Eleanor Franklin on the death of her small dog, Tuffy...Norma Jeanne Talkington's heart interest arrived from Washington, D. C., for a visit...Dick Robertson brought his sailor brother in for a visit while he was home on furlough.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Since Giff Hoag has been back in DC he's seen more old FCA'ers than we see in 6 months - said he bumped into "Flash" McNamee, Russ Nichols (Nat'l Aeronautics) and Bill Maddox (an "oil man") - and Giff gave us new service addresses for Pfc. George Thomson, now in France, and Sgt. R. C. Dorsey, who has a broken leg, according to his wife.

CR&S welcomes two new staff members, J. Leroy Van Horn in our Livestock and "Wolf" Section and Miss Esther V. Athey in our Transportation Section. The annual CR&S Workshop Conference has just come to a close. Among the guests were Ralph Battles, Doug Lawrence, Dr. Metzger, and John Davis.

Apparently last year's Christmas party was a success for we are now in the

midst of plans for another. A tree, eats, and a skit (which no doubt will take off on the "characters" around here - since we hear that our leading male actors will take feminine parts!).

SERVICE NEWS

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Our Thanksgiving was really a feast. We had fresh turkey with all of the trimmings and was really enjoyed I can assure you....

Ens. C. H. Kongs, (U.S.N.R., Squadron VPB-4, Naval Air Station, San Diego, California.) I enjoy the Grapevine and appreciate the Club's sending it to me.

I am now under training at N.A.S. San Diego, California. Have been assigned to a newly formed squadron, VPB-4, flying the Navy's four engine Seaplane, PB2's, and like it.

Mary Linneman Zeiger, Y2c, (District Security Office, Great Lakes, Ill.) I'm taking time out this afternoon to write and thank my friends at FCA for the lovely Christmas box I received about a week ago. I sure appreciated it and want to thank each and everyone of you for it.

I have been receiving the "Grapevine" and certainly enjoy it. By the way the name Linneman has been changed to Zeiger effective last June 19th. I have also received my second class rate after waiting for it a year. However, I am still located in the District Security Office and will probably be here for

the duration.....

Thanks again!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

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All available manpower was called upon to join in the dancing (and by the way, we really have some swell dancers here, from jitterbugs to waltzers) as numbers were called intermittently for prizes of candy and cigarettes. That last rare item attracted so much attention that some lucky winners looked as if it would be safer to make a swift exit.

Ah, yes! In the midst of the merriment our "Miss and Mr. Gift" were announced. Honored respectively and appropriately were Norma Jeanne Talkington and Earl Clarke, who also received bottles of "Christmas Cheer."

Dancing stopped and quiet settled over the crowd as Governor Duggan was asked to come forward. And was he ever surprised, and we think just a little bewildered, when presented with a real live "Donald Duck" wearing rubber panties. It seems he's become very much attached to his duck and has been seen taking him for a walk. It is also rumored that Mrs. Duggan has threatened to use the hatchet on both of them if he doesn't get rid of "Donald."

And you unattached men just haven't a chance after that game of "Leap Year Lark." How did you like those cigarettes you won, fellows?

It's quite evident that Fred Howard and Mary Jane Blyholder took Arthur

Murray up on that "two can dance on a penny" ad, as they gaily glided over the floor to the ever-beautiful strains of the "Blue Danube," winning top honors in the Waltz Contest.

When it came to that moment of suspense and they gave away the "Red Point" prizes, yells of glee went up as lucky individuals received the "64 point gifts," five juicy turkeys and ten fat baking hens to festively adorn fifteen Christmas tables. Incidentally, one person was overheard saying that until he won that turkey, he never knew there was a breast - that where he came from, all he had ever seen was the neck and the back.

Ray McWhirt added a \$25 War Bond to his future security, with the grand prize of the party. Congratulations, Mac! 'Cause, after all, what better prize could one win?

And last but not least, our thanks and congratulations to those on the Committee (Thomas, Hein, Ross, and Porter), whose hard work was shown by the success of the party. We know that their work was not in vain; and we're sure that every individual enjoyed himself to the utmost, with the knowledge that Farm Credit again hit the top in old year '44! (EEA)

CHRISTMAS CANDLES BURN BRIGHTLY AT OFFICE PARTIES

In a spirit of keeping alive the things at home that are loved and remembered by those in our armed forces, Christmas in 1944 was celebrated by a number of

offices on Friday, December 22, with gatherings around gaily decorated trees and tables piled high with sandwiches. Celebrants were gay, not in unforgettable merriment but, in hope and belief in the future.

One of the most carefully planned parties was held in GENERAL FILES SECTION where a tasty buffet luncheon, planned by Pearl Ferguson, was spread on a table decorated with poinsettia plants made from crepe paper and gum drops used as place cards. Programs made from cut-outs of old Christmas cards were the result of the art talents of Rose Santoro. Julia Maxwell's package wrapped as a large snowball with a huge red bow and holly berries won the prize as the most uniquely wrapped gift. Members of the CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE, PLANNING SECTION, and CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION'S OFFICE followed Santa to room 1414 where there awaited them a feast of delicious sandwiches and cake on a table artfully decorated by Jane Nevin with red cloth and silver candlesticks. A highlight of the party was the blush of Verne Hemstreet when he discovered a bit of mistletoe hanging over his head.

Spaghetti was served at the PERSONNEL DIVISION party. The presentation of "appropriate" gifts by St. Nick in the person of Gordon Van Leer was climaxed by the receipt of two goldfish and a miniature line by John Francis. Bill Moore was made happy by several gifts of trophy polish to use in his golfing future; while Lloyd Johnson was showered with gifts of jumping butterflies,

snakes, and loaded cigarettes. The LIBRARY STAFF sat down to a sumptuous feast of turkey sandwiches and ice cream. A "Wild West thriller" letter received from Lucille Achauer in New Mexico, telling of an adventure in being ditched in the middle of a western plain by a slow train in a hurry, was read to all. The SOLICITOR'S OFFICE "took over" E. Anthony's official abode where, following lunch, Santa Claus Mischler, beard and all, distributed gifts.

There was much laughter in the MAIL ROOM where the usual picnic fare made up the menu. When the gifts from around the large tree were distributed, there was admiration for the red mittens received by Edith Feighner and the breezy ties which were to adorn the throat of Oliver Mitchell. SECURITIES and REGISTRAR SECTIONS gathered around a tree which radiated the holiday atmosphere. Among the gifts received, some of them opened skeptically, was a surprise silver wedding anniversary gift for Erma Dinger consisting of a pair of silver bud vases. Members of CENTRAL OFFICE ACCOUNTING mingled in a noon-day party, while REPORTS SECTION celebrated in its usual elaborate style the red of its imitation fireplace seeming to emanate the friendliness of the occasion to passersby who peered in the door. MORTGAGE CORPORATION SERVICE DIVISION gathered around a small tree for a bit of relaxing Christmas conversation. GRAPHIC SECTION celebrated in its usual party style, while strains of carols sung by the "harmonizers" at

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Home Service News



The Red Cross recently sent a letter to those in Farm Credit who helped with the stamping and typing of a large consignment of envelopes to be mailed. The letter says in part, "It is only through such cooperation that the Red Cross is a success. Will you please extend to all the kind people our thanks and best wishes for the holiday season."

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Three cheers for Sarah B. Schneider who recently completed 1,000 hours of nurse's aide duty at St. Luke's Hospital. She is now sporting three stripes on her uniform and is the possessor of six successive stars on the Honor Roll for having given more hours in each of the last six months than any of the other nurse's aides on night duty at the hospital.

FREDERICK ALLEN

The death of Frederick J. Allen on December 24, after an illness of only a week, came as a shock to his many friends and acquaintances throughout the building.

A native of Cornwall, England, Fred Allen migrated to Canada in 1913 and entered the United States during the same year. He served overseas with the

U. S. Army during the first World War and was recently awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action during that war.

He is survived by his wife and daughter in this country and his mother, four brothers, and three sisters in England.

He transferred to the Farm Credit Administration from the State Department as a typewriter mechanic in August of 1941 and was well known for his excellent workmanship and the pleasant and cheerful manners which were a part of his character. He will, indeed, be missed by all who knew him.

ESTHER BARNES

Miss Esther E. Barnes, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Lindsey, Director of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Division, died Wednesday, December 27, 1944, at St. Lukes Hospital following a three weeks' illness.

Esther joined the Farm Credit Administration in May 1934. She was a faithful, efficient employee, and during her 10 years with the Administration she gained a host of friends, who, in addition to her close associates, will long cherish her memory.

Funeral services were held at Gates Funeral Home in Kansas City, Kansas, and burial was in Mound Valley, Kansas.

Sympathy of the entire Farm Credit Administration is extended to the Barnes family.

Club Room Notes



For some time past, two of the club's operatic albums containing excerpts from the operas of Richard Wagner have not been available for circulation because of two broken records. These records have now been replaced and lovers of good music will welcome the opportunity to hear in their own homes the glorious voices of Lauritz Melchior and Kirsten Flagstad in famous duets from Wagner's music dramas.

The Club Library receives regularly the following periodicals: Time, News Week, Life, New Yorker, Look, Harpers' Bazaar, Mademoiselle, and the Sunday New York Times, as well as the daily and Sunday Washington Post. Members wishing to suggest any additions to this list should give them to the librarian any day from 12 to 2 p.m. The Library Committee will also welcome the titles of any new or old books that members think we should add to the Club Library. Any suggestions concerning the maintenance of the Club Room should be sent to the Chairman of the Social Committee, Mrs. Kathleen Thomas.

New books recently received in the club library include:

THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL by Baroness Orczy

CHINA TO ME by Emily Hahn

SIX NOVELS OF THE SUPERNATURAL by Edward Wagenknecht

S.R.O. compiled by Bennett Cerf and Van Cartmell

QUO VADIS by H. Sienkiewics

ACCOUNT RENDERED by Vera Brittain

CANNERY ROW by John Steinbeck

CAPTAIN FROM CASTILE by Samuel

Shellabarger

ALIAS JANE SMITH by Clarence Budington Kelland

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN by Geo. and Helen Papashvily.

TEN CHRISTMAS LISTS OF BEST BOOKS

The NEW YORK TIMES recently published a symposium of the 10 best books of 1944 selected by 10 literary critics. The leader in fiction was A BELL FOR ADANO with eight votes followed by STRANGE FRUIT with five, BOSTON ADVENTURE with four, WALK IN THE SUN with four, and HISTORY OF ROME HANKS with three. In nonfiction the leaders were WORLD OF WASHINGTON IRVING with seven votes, YANKEE FROM OLYMPUS with four, BRAVE MEN with four, TIME FOR DECISION with four, and PEOPLE ON OUR SIDE with three. All of these books may be borrowed for a few cents a day from the Farm Credit Club Library.

BRUSH CREEK HIKE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

The town and country hike that was snowed out last month will be held on Sunday, January 14. Group will meet in front of the Plaza Theater at 47th and Wyandotte at 2 p.m. sharp. The trail will follow Brush Creek from the Country Club Plaza to Fairway and return by way

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Sportlight

FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

TEAM STANDINGS

December 21, 1944

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Pinfall</u>
Graphic	28	17	30,259
Examination	26	19	31,638
Reports	25	20	33,783
Field Accounting	23	22	31,505
Short Term	23	22	29,750
Land Bank	21	24	33,161
Caps	18	27	29,061
Accounts	16	29	27,430

RECORDS

H I G	Hein	233	H T G	Reports	855
H I S	Hein	591	H T S	Reports	2,424

AVERAGES

Menk	171-21	Hein	168-21
Jacomet	162-14		

FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

TEAM STANDINGS

December 21, 1944

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Pinfall</u>
Examination	30	15	26,483
Reports	25	20	27,082
Purchase	24	21	24,377
Legal	23	22	25,683
Personnel	21	24	26,654
F & A	21	24	26,084
Audit	21	24	25,606
Graphic	15	30	22,552

RECORDS

H T G	Personnel	721	H I G	McGee	199
H T S	Reports	2,017	H I S	McGee	- 500

AVERAGES

McGee	144	Ross	140	Clark	137
Owens	136				

FCA MEN'S BOWLING SWEEPSTAKES

December 28, 1944

High set (gross) - Elkins	500
2nd high set (gross) - Bixler	574
3rd high set (gross) - Brownell	573

High set (net) - Jacomet	528
High game (net) - McWhirt	193

High net game for each pair of alleys:

Hein 189	Brasfield 188
Warburton 191	Gull 165

FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING SWEEPSTAKES

December 28, 1944

High set (gross) - Palmer	526
2nd high set (gross) - Misterek	506
3rd high set (gross) - Sterling	492

High set (net) - Harbert	469
High game (net) - Kehres-Ross	172

High net game for each pair of alleys:

Owens 164	Shreve 167
Hansen 140	Dick 132

CHRISTMAS CANDLES BURN

BRIGHTLY AT OFFICE PARTIES

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the NFLA SECTION gathering drifted to nearby offices and added the final touch to the Yuletide celebrations.
(Social Staff)

PUBLIC SPEAKING CLASSES

RESUME ON JANUARY 5

On December 15, Professor Edwin King of Westport High School conducted the third in the series of classes initiated by the Public Speaking group. Interesting talks on varied subjects were given by class members and much improvement in delivery was noted. At a short business session after the close of the class,

Hoyt Elkins was elected chairman of the group and Verna Brewer secretary-Treasurer. In addition to the regular members, visitors present included Kathleen Thomas, R. L. Foster, Mabel Kluttz, Margaret Porter, Dorothy Mack, Marie Puhr, and Hester Waters.

The next class is scheduled for January 5 at 6:30 p.m. in room 2203 when Professor C. C. Fairchild will again be on hand. Members of the course may each invite a guest without charge, and others may take advantage of the last two classes in the series at a cost of 50 cents an evening.

CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING

On January 18 at 4:30 p.m. the members of the F.C.A. Employees Federal Credit Union will meet to elect directors and members of the credit and supervisory committees whose terms expire this year.

In the meantime, a nominating committee consisting of Leslie Sarginer, Chairman, Helen McCabe, and Bruce King, is working up a slate of officers. It's hard for any group of three people to know all the folks in the organization who might be qualified to serve the credit union, so they're asking you to help them out. If you, as a member, know someone who is particularly well qualified to serve as a director or member of a committee give his name to one of the members of this committee for consideration when they prepare their report on nominations.

Culture is the habit of being pleased with the best and knowing why.

BRUSH CREEK HIKE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

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of the Kansas City Country Club to the starting point. In order to avoid wet feet and possible colds, members are urged to wear hiking boots or galoshes if snow still lies on the ground at the time of the hike.

WAGS

Christmas was ushered into the portals of the F.C.A. officially December 21 when the WAGS held their regular meeting in 1345D with a "bring your own lunch" program.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cawood, who was in charge, gave a most unique and interesting talk on the origin of several Christmas carols and Christmas as it has been observed throughout the ages at home and in foreign lands. Christmas carols, under the direction of Ruth McMann, with Eula Collins at the piano, were sung by the club at intervals during Mrs. Cawood's comments.

As a special request, Hester Waters repeated her after-dinner speech on "Why I Have Never Married," since the speech was originally inspired by the fact that 1944 was leap year.

The attendance was the largest ever enjoyed by the WAGS and regular members are hopeful that many new names will be added to the membership which is most cordially extended to all F.C.A. women.

An educated man is one who knows a lot and says nothing about it.